

Protective Order Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
April 25, 2003

The Protective Order Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis on Friday, April 25, 2003, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Tammy Baitz, Thomas H. Busch, Robert E. Lybrook, Jerry L. Ummel and John W. Forcum, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Tom Jones provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guest present. Clerk Ruth Hibbard, Clinton County, President, Clerk's Association, and Senior Judge Ruth Reichard attended the meeting.
4. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting on March 28, 2003 were approved.
5. Recent legislation.
  - a. The members of the committee reviewed SB 479, the technical corrections bill for protection order legislation; HB 1849, which prevents restoration of firearms in cases of conviction of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence and later restoration of civil rights and HB 1044, granting clerk immunity when distributing protection order forms. The committee revised present forms or drafted new forms to comply with SB 479 and HB 1849 and will distribute them to committee members once the revisions from the meeting are completed.
  - b. Judge Forcum agreed to call Major Pryor, Indiana State Police to discuss the placing service of process information on IDACS as contained in SB 479. He will also discuss a new form similar to the confidential form recently seen by the committee.
  - c. Committee members agreed to review the new forms developed by the committee at the next meeting and place them on the website on June 30, 2003. In addition, they agreed an email should go to all clerks and judges noting forms are under development to comply with the new statute and will be on the website on July 1.
6. Next meeting dates. Committee members agreed meet at the following times: Friday, June 27, 2003; and Friday, July 25, 2003 from 12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center; Friday, August 21-22, 2003 for a potential two-day work-study session on the deskbook, and October 24, 2003 from 12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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